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To VIKTOR[i].

In July ANTENNA[ii] was sent by the firm for ten days to work in CARTHAGE [KARFAGEN][iii]. There he visited his school friend Max ELITCHER[a], who works in the Bureau of Standards as head of the fire control section for warships [which mount guns] [b] of over five-inch calibre. He has access to extremely valuable materials on guns.

Five years ago Max ELITCHER [MARS E.] graduated from the Electro-Technical Department of the City College of NEW YORK. He has a Master of Science degree. Since finishing college he has been working at the Bureau of Standards. He is a FELLOW COUNTRYMAN [ZEMLYAK][iv]. He entered the FELLOW COUNTRYMEN's organization [ZEMLYACHESTVO] after finishing his studies.

By ANTENNA he is characterized as a loyal, reliable, level-headed and able man. Married, his wife is a FELLOW COUNTRYWOMAN [ZEMLYACHKA]. She is a psychologist by profession, she works at the War Department.

Max ELITCHER is an excellent amateur photographer and has all the necessary equipment for taking photographs.

Please check ELITCHER and communicate your consent to his clearance [OFORMLENIE].

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MAJ[v]

Notes: [a] Given in Roman alphabet.
[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments:

[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
[ii] ANTENNA: Julius ROSENBERG.
[iii] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D. C.
[iv] ZEMLYAK: Member of the Communist Party.
[v] MAJ: i.e. MAY, Stepan APRESYAN.